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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Tobias MARTIN et al.

Application No.: 10/049,385

Confirmation No.: 3809

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Art Unit: 2121

For: METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING A COMMON  
KEY FOR A GROUP OF AT LEAST THREE  
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Examiner: Zachary A. Davis

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 20, 2006, please consider the following remarks which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-6 are currently pending.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 3 and 4, drawn to a method for establishing a group key in which messages in the key establishment protocol are sent between each pair of subscribers in the group; and

Group II: Claims 5 and 6, drawn to a method for establishing a group key in which messages in the key establishment protocol are sent only between a first subscriber and each other subscriber in the group.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II, including claims 5 and 6, drawn to a method for establishing a group key in which messages in the key establishment protocol are sent only between a first subscriber and each other subscriber in the group.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be considered on its merits, and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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